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WSP Makes DUI Records Available Online

The Washington State Patrol today unveiled a new on-line database containing records of DUI breath tests.

The Web site was developed to provide the courts, Department of Licensing Hearings Examiners, and the public with comprehensive information regarding breath alcohol test results, instrument maintenance, policies, procedures, and manuals maintained by the WSP Breath Test Program.

In addition, the site features the results of all DUI breath tests conducted since January 2000, representing well over 100,000 DUI arrests. Although the results do not include the subject's name, DUI suspects or their attorneys will be able to identify their own test results by comparing them to the information on the printout they receive at the time they are arrested.

Dr. Barry Logan, the State Toxicologist and director of the Breath Test Program, explained the reason for this approach. "The Breath Test Program maintains voluminous records about everything they do, and making them available to all is the right thing to do. Attorneys will now be able to pull up all the relevant records on a DUI breath test the first time a client walks into their office, and be able to advise them immediately on their options in contesting the results, seeking treatment, or making a plea."

This Web site is the most comprehensive of its kind in the United States, and the records are updated weekly. The system is designed to replace the previous process of requesting public disclosure or discovery by mailing requests or calling the Breath Test Section by phone, which could take up to thirty days or more.

There is no fee for this service, and no password or log-on is required. The system is now operational and can be viewed at: <http://breathtest.wsp.wa.gov/welcome.htm>

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